

**FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
<b>10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour</b> <b>12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business</b>  <b>Fifteen "One Minutes" per side</b>	<b>1:30 - 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>4:30 - 5:30 p.m.</b>

\*\*Members are advised that following last votes, the House will debate H.R. 1433 - Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2012 – under suspension of the Rules. Any recorded vote requested will be postponed.

**H.Res. 563 – Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2117 - Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act (Rep. Foxx – Education and Workforce) (One Hour of debate).** The Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule that provides for one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Education and Workforce. The Rule allows five amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. It also provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Lastly, it waives all points of order against the legislation.

The Rules committee rejected a motion by Mr. Hastings of Florida to consider the bill under an open Rule.

**H.R. 2117 - Protecting Academic Freedom in Higher Education Act (Rep. Foxx – Education and Workforce) (One Hour of debate)** The bill would repeal two Department of Education regulations developed to strengthen program integrity in federal student aid programs offered under the Higher Education Act. Specifically, the bill would repeal the "state authorization" regulation which clarified that states must enforce their own laws for how they approve and monitor post-secondary programs, especially in distance or correspondence education. It would also repeal the "credit hour" rule, which set a broad minimum standard for how much instruction and classwork determined a single credit hour, and how accrediting agencies determine whether an institution's assignment of a credit hour is acceptable. Finally, the bill would prohibit the Department of Education from drafting or implementing any new regulation that defines "credit hour."

The Rule makes in order 5 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, equally divided between the offeror and an opponent. The amendments are:

**Rep. Grijalva Amendment.** Would retain the requirement that states have a process to hear and take appropriate action on student complaints regarding institutions as part of the state authorization

**Rep. Foxx Amendment.** Would repeal a section of the credit hour regulation impacting clock hour programs

**Rep. Polis Amendment #3.** Would link state authorization regulations to student outcomes

**Rep. Bishop (NY) Amendment.** Would strike the prohibition on the Secretary of Education from ever promulgating or enforcing any regulation or rule defining the term "credit hour."

**Rep. Polis Amendment #5.** Would require the Secretary to present a plan to prevent waste, fraud and abuse to ensure effective use of taxpayer dollars

***Bill Text for H.R. 2117:***

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***Background for H.R. 2117:***

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**Suspension (1 Bill)**

**1) H.R. 1433** - Private Property Rights Protection Act of 2012 (Rep. Sensenbrenner- Judiciary)

**TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK**

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Wednesday, February 29: The House will meet at 12:00 p.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider [H.R. 1837](#) - San Joaquin Valley Water Reliability Act (Rep. Nunes – Natural Resources) (Subject to a Rule). The House is also expected to consider [H.R. 3902](#) - To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to revise



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the timing of special elections for local office in the District of Columbia (Rep. Norton - Oversight and Government Reform), [H.Res. 556](#) - Condemning the Government of Iran for its continued persecution, imprisonment, and sentencing of Youcef Nadarkhani on the charge of apostasy, as amended (Rep. Pitts - Foreign Affairs) and [S. 1134](#) - St. Croix River Crossing Project Authorization Act (Sen. Klobuchar - Transportation and Infrastructure/Natural Resources) - under suspension of the Rules.

## The Daily Quote

"But with the highway bill that all fell apart. The fumble on a transportation bill illustrates how Boehner courts chaos with this hands-off approach, and it raises questions about the fate of the central piece of legislation for 2012...On top of that, Boehner has hyped this bill as the GOP's main election-year jobs plan... Republican leaders are now discussing whether to shorten the bill's timeline from five years to 18 months. While construction of the legislation hasn't stopped, plenty of workers are standing around pointing fingers at one another."

- Politico, 2/27/12